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**Statement by Representative Denise Grimsley on Budget Appropriations
Ahead of FY 2012-2013**

Tallahassee, Fla. – Representative Denise Grimsley (R-Sebring), Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, today issued the following statement regarding ongoing budget appropriations for the FY 2012-2013.

“2012 is going to be another challenging year as we face a potential \$2 billion shortfall; however, I am confident we will once again solve our budget challenges while keeping taxes low and encouraging private sector economic activity.

Any budget solution should be focused on the goal of growing our base to incentivize job growth and keeping the burden on Florida businesses low. This will mean more jobs for Floridians and more taxpayers for the state.

Because of hard work in previous legislative sessions, Florida has been upgraded to a stable AAA general obligation bond rating. This will in turn help to keep the state government’s borrowing costs low, and will potentially save taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars as our state continues to recover from one of the worst economic crises in decades.

Balancing won’t be easy, but hard work and good ideas from members on both sides of the aisle will make it achievable.”

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